



December, 2016 Newsletter

Commanders Comments

On December 3, the post will be donating the use of our facilities to host a spaghetti dinner for Andrew and Sara Bird. If you have not already heard, Nicholai (9) and Nehemiah (8) Bird were killed and their sister Nina (7) critically injured in a car accident in Nassau County, FL. On 10/22/16. The benefit is to help with continued care for Nina and burial cost for the boys.

Andrew, a veteran, works for Life EMS of Newaygo County and Sara is a Newaygo County 911 Dispatcher. Both also serve as firefighters on the Newaygo Fire Department.

The event is from 4:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be music, auction, 50-50 drawings as well the spaghetti dinner. I am encouraging all of our members of both posts and Auxiliaries to come help support the Bird family.

As 2016 winds down, I think that the Post has had a pretty good year financially. We were able to sell the ball field property which enables a much larger portion of our payment each month to go towards the principle. This, of course, will help pay the entire mortgage off much quicker.

As far as actual member participation in meetings, etc. we are continuing to flat line. I brought up last month that we are going to have a couple of significant openings in our officer ranks when we send in our next election report. It's truly a shame that as far as we have come financially, we will still fall short because of memberships apparent apathy.

December 31, 2016 is the last official day that the Men's Auxiliary will be in existence. As I have been saying, this is not that important if you never go to any other VFW posts. However, if you do, you will need a VFWA membership card to enter.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We won't be doing burritos this month because the

4th Saturday is Christmas Eve. They will resume in January, but with a different band. The one that we were using broke up.

Have a great month!

Dan Boutell
Commander, Post 4249
Presidents Corner

A great big thank you to everyone that donated their time, money and food for our Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW. It was a great success. THANKS AGAIN

Gentlemen that want to join the VFWA. Please when you fill out the application give us the DD214 of the person that you are joining under. This is a different auxiliary so we have to have the proper papers. The DD214 will be sent back to along with your new 2017 membership card as soon as you are accepted.

Our meetings are the 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to having the men join the auxiliary and possible taking an office at the next election in April.

NOTICE: The hat and mitten tree is up and waiting to be filled with donated hats and mittens. We appreciate all your donations. We will distribute them to 2 schools in Newaygo and 1 school in Grant. They will be delivered before the kids get out of school for their Christmas vacation.

Dec. 7th will be the Auxiliaries last bake sale on the first Wednesday of the month. We are taking a break for the winter. We want to thank everyone that donated the goodies and especially the people that; bought them.

Sally Mouthaan fell and broke her pelvis in 2 places and will be laid up for some time. Please send her a card at 1551 Franklin St. SE #3029 Grand Rapids Mi 49506-3396. Also Adele Sass is in Newaygo Medical Facility in Fremont. She fell and broke her hip. Please send her a card at 1709 Pine St.

Newaygo. She is 90 yrs young

Come and enjoy the burritos on the 4th Saturday of the month for the price of \$6.00.

Sisters: Please pay your 2017 Auxiliary dues by Dec.31 or you are not member in good standing. You can't attend any meetings until your dues are paid.

We hope everyone has a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

JOANNE ATKINSON, PRESIDENT

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President, VFW Auxiliary

MOC/MOCA News

The Cooties and Auxiliary sent \$800.00 to Grand Rapids Home For Veterans for their Christmas Stars. Someone from the home will do the shopping for the veterans for presents.

Most of the snow birds are gone now. But we all are still plugging along. Our Cootie Wednesday night of burgers and more are still going. They can always use a helping hand even for a couple of hours. Give them a break once in awhile. You don't have to be a Cootie or even a member to help out.

The 4th Friday each month is the MOCA Shrimp and wings night.

You can get 6 or 8 pieces of meat with cole slaw and fries for \$6.00, or you can mix it up.

SISTERS: You know who you are that has not paid your 2017 MOCA dues of \$20.00. Please pay them by Dec.31st Or you are not a member in good standing. Send them to Nancy Ping at 4631 N.Peacock Tr. Irons Mi 49644.

Joanne is still taking men and women's winter clothing down to Grand Rapids Home For Veterans. No underwear or socks unless they are still in packages.

The MOCA lost one of our long time members. Alma Young of Muskegon.. She was 98 years young.

The Cooties and Auxiliary wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

To those that have lost loved ones you have our deepest sympathy. To those that are sick we wish you a speedy recovery.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE"

DICK MOUTHAN HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN

JOANNE ATKINSON HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN,
PRESIDENT

AMVETS Post 4250 News

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The Post put on a great Thanksgiving day dinner. Dan and Vicky, with the help from their family and help from Post members, AUX and AMVETS members, all working together, put on one of the best Thanksgiving ever.

We had our planning meeting Nov 23:

Dan again asked if anyone would be interested in learning how to put on a Burrito dinner the last Sat. of the month. If so give the Post a call.

Dec. 7 is the last bake sale until April.

Dec. 10 is AMVETS steak fry and we are in need of help, if you can help call me 231 834 1083 or show up at the Post at 4:30pm.

The Post will be closed at 5:00pm Christmas Eve and 5:00pm on New Years Eve.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and safe New Year.

Charlie Clear
Commander, AMVETS Post 4250

